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Torture nets teen 15 months

Girl calls own role in beating, burning of woman 'unforgivable'

By JON TATTRIE
for Metro Halifax

The third teenage girl convicted of the brutal beating of a woman behind a Dartmouth school last year read a letter to her victim in court yesterday, moments before receiving a 15-month sentence.

Describing her role in the two-hour torture of Kathie-Lee Bennet on Sept. 20 as "unforgivable," she vowed it would never happen again. The 15-year-old said Bennet, 18, would have to be "a very strong woman" to recover from the assault, which saw Bennet kicked, punched and burned with cigarettes. She was left with deep bruises and a fractured eye socket. The girl admitted she was present during the entire attack and that she kicked Bennet once.

Both girls were in tears as the attacker addressed the court. Bennet later asked for a copy of the letter.

Describing the teen as a "bright" girl who is easily influenced by her peers, Halifax youth court Judge Pam Williams told her she would remain in Waterville until Sept. 1. The girl, who can't be named under provisions of the Youth Criminal Justice Act, will then likely attend school under strict supervision orders. She has been in custody for eight months.

Williams noted the girl comes from a broken home and had been bullied herself. The judge said the girl had decided "if you can't beat them, join them. That strategy hasn't worked."

Brittany McNeil, 18, was sentenced to six years for leading the attack. A second teenage girl got a two-year youth sentence last month.

"Thank God this is over," said Bennet's grandmother outside the courtroom. She said her granddaughter wants to get on with her life and has found work as a cashier.

Crown attorney John Nisbet said Bennet had "suffered horrendously," but was not vindictive.

'I am apologizing from the bottom of my heart'

»This is the letter the teen sentenced yesterday wrote to her victim, and read in court:

I know what I have done is unforgivable. It must have been very hurtful to you and painful. If I had the choice it would never happen again. It was wrong and unforgettable. I can promise you that it won't happen again. I have been thinking about what had happened everyday for the past eight months now and I imagine what it would be like if I was in your shoes that day and it honestly breaks my heart. I wouldn't be able to trust another person again. You would have to be a very strong woman to deal with that kind of hurt and I am apologizing from the bottom of my heart. If words could express the way I feel about the situation then I would write them in this letter. I just feel so terrible. I'm really hoping that you are alright truly. I have no clue what had even inspired me to do something like that. I feel so awful that I would even think about doing that. I want you to know and realize that I'm not writing this to benefit me; I'm doing this so you can know how I feel about what happened. Once again I am truly sorry and it's okay if you don't but I was hoping that you would accept my apology.

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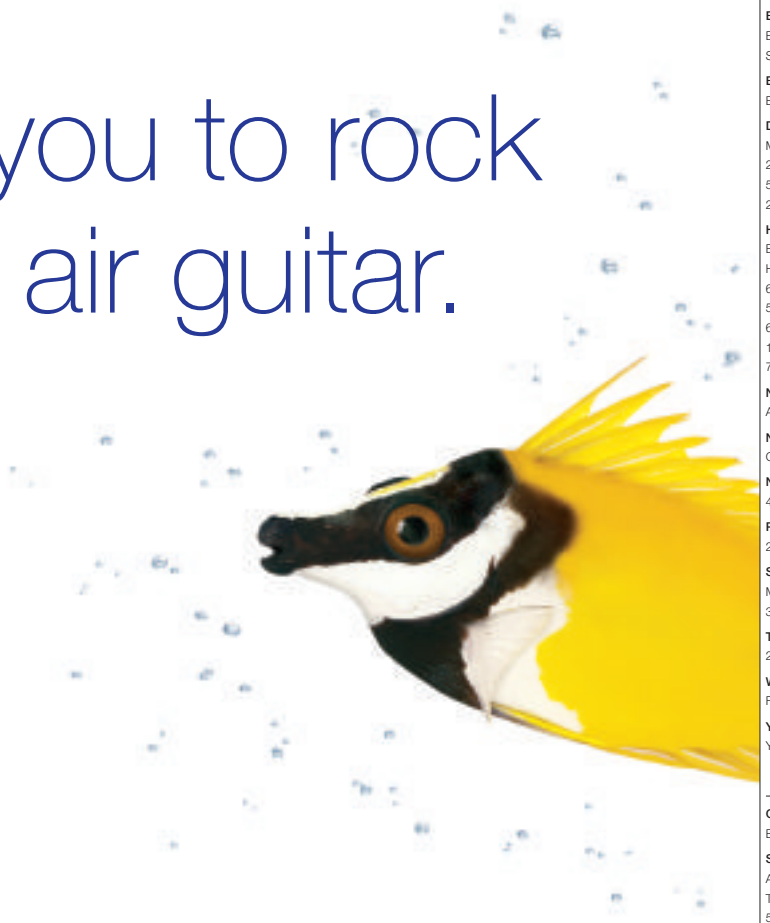
Bill Mont, president of Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Sackville, looks at a plot map in the graveyard yesterday. Mont, who is introducing eco-burials, says using nail-free coffins or no coffin at all and skipping embalming helps reduce your final environmental impact. Story, page 3.



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Reducing your afterlife footprint

Cemetery offering eco-friendly burial options

By **JON TATTRIE**
for Metro Halifax

You wouldn't be caught dead polluting the Earth, so why damage the environment when you die?

Bill Mont, president of Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Sackville, says traditional burials contaminate the ground with nails, rust from the coffin and embalming fluids leaking into the dirt – and the pricey practice costs the Earth.

That's why he's introducing the eco-burial.

Standing in an overgrown area looking down on Sackville Drive, he jokes that green customers are "going to have a great view, and leave a good environmental footprint."

By using a simple, nail-free coffin — or even no coffin at all — and skipping embalming, customers will green-up their deaths by reducing the environmental impact.

"They'd have to get in there pretty quick," he notes, as without embalming the body would have to be buried by the next day. That practice is in line with religious requirements for Muslims and Jews.

The eco-area will be left a little wild, with trees and bushes incorporated into burial plots.

And as a basic traditional casket costs between $1,095 and $2,500, plus $1,500 for a marker as well as embalming fees, his box-and-burial package will save you money.

Green customers would pay about $1,500 for a plot, plus a $400 charge for "opening and closing" the grave, and whatever they want to spend on a marker.

Asked if he would take the green option himself, the busy 80-year-old said he'd consider it, noting he'd better make the decision soon though.

funeral costs

» Recent Board of Funeral Services statistics put the average cost of a funeral in Ontario at around $5,500. However, this only covers the cost of casket and the funeral.

No arrests yet in latest homicide

Mourners lament troubled life victim led

By **ROBYN YOUNG**
Metro Halifax



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Friends and family of Daniel Martin Newman gather outside the Shaar Shalom Synagogue following his funeral yesterday. Newman, 65, was murdered on Sunday and the investigation into his death is ongoing.

The city's most recent murder victim lived much of his life dealing with trauma, suffering and fear, the crowd gathered at Danny Newman's funeral heard yesterday.

"He lived a large portion of his life under duress," said Cantor Ari Isenberg at the Shaar Shalom Synagogue on Oxford Street.

Isenberg didn't get into details about the cause of this duress but focused on fond memories of the 65-year-old who was found stabbed to death in a north end Halifax park early Sunday morning.

"Danny would go out of his way to make everyone he cared for feel at home and welcome," Isenberg said.

As a young adult, Isenberg said, Newman graduated from Acadia University and, like many in his family, was "well-read, cultured and had an innate appreciation for art and architecture."

Danny was a good person taken away too soon Isenberg told the congregation of close to 200 people.

Newman had a lengthy criminal record with convictions for theft, stolen property and breaches of court-imposed conditions. He recently spent five months in the Burnside jail.

Police confirmed Sunday afternoon his death was the result of a homicide and police still have made no arrests. His body was found on a pathway just north of St. Patrick's Alexandra School on Maitland Street around 3:30 Sunday morning.

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Beating victim hit with ambulance bill

NDP justice critic asks to waive fee

By **JON TATTRIE**
for Metro Halifax

While the three girls who tortured Kathie-Lee Bennet behind a Dartmouth school last year will get hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of treatment, the victim left court yesterday still owing $128 in ambulance bills.

Bill Estabrooks, the NDP justice critic, said it's not just the amount, it's the principle.

"Sticking this kid with this ambulance bill is just wrong. Victim Services should intercede immediately," he said.

Paul Maynard, spokesman for Emergency Health Services, said it is standard practice in such cases to bill the user directly. He added Bennet could appeal the bill, or arrange monthly payments of as low as a couple of dollars.

»news In Brief

» **ROBBERIES** Police say a man entered the Holiday Inn on Robie Street at 3:40 a.m. Monday and showed a front desk employee a note demanding money. He then went behind the counter and took money from the till. Just before 3 p.m. later that day, a man entered the Ramada Inn in Burnside and demanded money. A short time later, a suspect hit Forever Bridal Boutique in Dartmouth. Marc Adamson, 23, appeared in provincial court yesterday in relation to a recent string of thefts and robberies in metro. Adamson, who was arrested Monday night, faces theft charges stemming from those incidents, as well as robberies at Halliburton House in Halifax and at the Burnside Motel in Dartmouth. METRO HALIFAX



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Province hears rest stop plea

Lack of service centres linked to pee-filled bottles

By **ROBYN YOUNG**
Metro Halifax

Drivers are sending the province a message in a bottle: There aren't enough rest stops on Nova Scotia's highways.

"It is increasingly difficult for drivers to find places where they can pull off," says New Democrat MLA Vicki Conrad.

A Nova Scotia man sent Premier Rodney MacDonald an email Monday complaining about pee-filled plastic bottles on highway shoulders, particularly along the Cobequid Pass near the toll plaza.

Conrad said she's seen such bottles in her travels and although they reveal a definite lack of awareness about environmental issues and littering laws, they also point to an infrastructure need in the province.

Ontario, she said, has numerous service centres along its 400-series highways where drivers don't have to pull off into small towns to relieve themselves and Nova Scotia would do well to follow their lead.

> *« It is increasingly difficult for drivers to find places they can pull off. »*
>
> *New Democrat MLA Vicki Conrad*

Conrad put the request to the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal during the legislature last month.

"He did make it clear that was not a priority and the cost would be prohibitive," she said.

Minister Murray Scott said yesterday more rest stops would be welcome but it's not financially feasible.

He said the province has given private developers money in the past to build service centres including enough space for 25 cars, washroom facilities and visitor information and a rest stop in Cumberland County that didn't survive and another in Pictou County were the result.

"If any other private ventures came forward we'd certainly entertain their proposal in regards to developing rest areas," he said.

The minister said he felt discouraged people would continue to litter "in this day and age."

There is all kinds of litter along the province's highways, he said, and drivers should hang on to wrappers and containers in their vehicles until they can dispose of them in an appropriate manner.

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Litter situation in a mess: Minister

Parent picks trash, urges people to keep province clean

By **ROBYN YOUNG**
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Littering, it seems, is making a comeback. And it costs the province a lot of money to pick it up, says Environment Minister Mark Parent.

"We've gotten careless and thoughtless about the environment," Parent said yesterday while picking garbage from foliage along the Sackville River in Bedford.

He said roadsides are covered with everything from beer bottles, to old blankets, to empty windshield washer fluid containers.

"Plastic shopping bags hang from bare branches of trees like the aftermath of an explosion," he said in a speech to media before cleaning up the banks of the river with a number of volunteers.

Parent's department is in the midst of developing a new social marketing campaign that will remind Nova Scotians not to litter.

Parent said he's "appalled" at the litter situation in the province and hopes the campaign starting at the end of the month will encourage litterbugs to change their behaviour.

"We will fine them if we can catch them, but it's very difficult to catch them and to prove it," he said.

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» The minister also announced the province's contribution of $50,000 to the Nova Scotia Youth Conservation Corps for various environmental projects including litter pick-ups throughout the province.



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Environment Minister Mark Parent and volunteers from the Nova Scotia Youth Conservation Corps collected litter along the banks of the Sackville River in Bedford yesterday morning.

Dal-N.B. deal may ease doc shortage

By **LINDSAY JONES**
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Dalhousie University and the New Brunswick government have inked a deal that could help alleviate the doctor shortage in Nova Scotia.

The New Brunswick government just announced the partnership with Dal to train 30 doctors at the Saint John campus of University of New Brunswick, starting in September 2010.

"It will mean more doctors graduating in the region," said Harold Cook, dean of Dalhousie's faculty of medicine.

"The announcement is a very important milestone and there's been exceptional partnership and commitment so far so it bodes well for the success of the program."

Cook said the goal is to eventually continue offering 90 medical school seats per year in metro, along with 30 in the neighbouring province.

"We still have some ground work to do on that," Cook said. "We don't have the capacity to handle it so we have to do a number of things in parallel here."

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new seats

» Last month, the province announced 10 new undergraduate medical school seats, including tuition support in exchange for a commitment to work in under-serviced areas of Nova Scotia.

Former Strait board chairs sign on as advisers

PORT HASTINGS — A group of former chairs has agreed to stay on in an advisory role for the new one-man Strait Regional School Board, but they won't be paid for their efforts.

While the former chairs — George Kehoe, Mary Jess MacDonald, Henry Van Berkel and Rosalee Parker — are expected to be compensated for mileage while travelling to and from meetings, they, along with the remainder of the fired board, will have their stipends formally removed by new board chair John Sears at a public meeting this month.

School board members in Nova Scotia are paid $8,200 annually, with chairs and vice-chairs earning slightly more.

"There is no honorarium involved in their appointment, they just agreed to come on and serve," Sears said.

While he expects they will attend board meetings, Sears said the advisory group won't be sitting around the board table.

Last week, Education Minister Karen Casey disbanded the 12-member Strait board and handed its remaining responsibilities to Sears, who had already been handling finances and human resources after Casey removed those powers from the board in February.

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Bottles thrown at Mounties

RCMP officers had beer bottles thrown at their cars Monday night in North Preston, but no officers were hurt.

Mounties got a 9-1-1 call that there might be a fight going on at a local fire hall. When they arrived at 10:45 p.m., there were about 100 people standing outside the fire hall. No fight was evident, so the officers asked people to move the 40 vehicles parked on the road. They asked people to move their cars, and after the officers got back into their cruisers, a couple of people threw bottles at them.

The officers drove away. No charges were laid.

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A second chance at learning

Africentric school helps adults finish high school

By **MELISSA SMITH**
for Metro Halifax

When Timothy Williams dropped out of high school in 1994, he had no idea that it would take more than 10 years to get back on his feet.

Today, he's more than a high school grad: He was valedictorian of his graduating class after spending a year in the Nova Scotia Community College's African-Canadian Transition Program.

Next year he'll start studying photography.

"I wrote my GED four times, and every time I failed math, I just thought that there must be another way," Williams said yesterday, hours before his graduation.

After dropping out, he spent 13 years doing odd jobs and working for a roofing company. It wasn't enough, he said. Taking the program with 19 fellow students gave him a sense that his career options are unlimited.

"I had no idea how immensely this program would change my life."

This is the second year for the program, meant to help black Nova Scotians who want to return as adults to complete their high school diploma.

"This program gives the students a chance to work on getting their high school credits, but the uniqueness of the African Canadian Transition Program is that it's Africentric," coordinator Jill Provoe said.

"We teach our students the same curriculum that any other school would teach, but they also learn about their heritage, their culture, and we talk about those tough subjects like racism."



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Timothy Williams, a former high school dropout who is now valedictorian of the Nova Scotia Community College's African-Canadian Transition Program, hopes to become a photographer.

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School board hopes court overturns firing

Minister's decision called into question

By **LINDSAY JONES**
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elections

» New school board elections to replace the current one-man board are in October. Fired board member Grace Walker said the former board members all have too much baggage to run.

The Nova Scotia Court of Appeal reserved a decision yesterday on whether elected members of the Halifax regional school board should stay fired.

Six of the 13 former members are hoping the court will overturn an October Supreme Court decision that said Education Minister Karen Casey had the right to dismantle the board. The minister canned the embattled board in December 2006 because of constant bickering.

Their lawyer, Brian Casey, argued the members should have been able to make their case to the minister before they were dismissed. He also said the two disruptive incidents leading up to the firing occurred outside board chambers, and therefore shouldn't be held against his clients.

"It looks as if some of what happened here was disruptive," Casey said outside court. "The question is whether it happened within a board meeting or not, and whether the fact that it didn't was significant."

The province's lawyer, Ed Gores, said the court must now decide whether the Supreme Court decision was reasonable.

"The court can only interfere with that decision if it is not reasonable," Gores said after the hearing.

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»news In Brief

» **SCHOLARSHIPS** Dartmouth High School student Andrea Richardson and Petit de Gras student Evie Landry have both won $20,000 Canadian Millenium scholarships. Richardson, who organized a concert that raised $600 for soup kitchens in her area, and Landry, who raised more than $1,000 for villages in extreme poverty, were chosen from more than 10,000 applicants.

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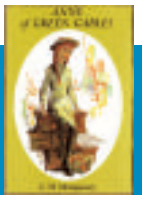
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An exhibit opening today at the National Archives in Ottawa hopes to shed some light on Lucy Maud Montgomery's creation, Anne of Green Gables. The exhibit claims that the main character was inspired by American magazines and actresses. REUTERS

Ontario pushes plan

McGuinty urges Ottawa to join climate fight

Amid fears a patchwork of climate change strategies would do more harm than good, Premier Dalton McGuinty is urging Ottawa to join with Ontario and Quebec to tackle global warming.

In the wake of Monday's accord with Quebec Premier Jean Charest, McGuinty yesterday called for "a more aggressive approach from the federal government."

"The reason that you're seeing various provinces and, in fact, various American states each in their own way trying to move forward on this is they feel that the leadership that's coming from the national level is not strong enough," the premier said.

His comments came after he and Charest held a joint cabinet meeting in Quebec City and inked an accord on a "cap-and-trade" plan for curbing carbon emissions.

Under the regional plan that could come into effect as early as July 1, 2010, companies producing fewer greenhouse gas emissions than their caps permit could sell their unused quota on the open market to big polluters that exceed their emissions caps. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

following Kyoto

» A proposed federal scheme, which requires emission reduction on a percentage basis, uses 2006 emissions levels as the baseline, while the Ontario-Quebec plan has firm reduction targets and employs the 1990 levels of the Kyoto Protocol.

Vancouver **The gift of art**



RAFE ARNOTT/METRO VANCOUVER

A copy of an 18th century painting by Spanish artist José Cardero is unveiled at Vancouver City Hall yesterday. Spanish Ambassador to Canada Mariano Alonso-Buron, right, presented the painting as a gift to the city of Vancouver on behalf of the Spanish government.

»news In Brief

» **DONATION** In the largest known donation to cancer research in Canadian history, three of the heirs to the Thomson media fortune will give $37.5 million to Princess Margaret Hospital over five years, the hospital announced yesterday. The donors are Linda Campbell, Gaye Farncombe and Susan Grange, granddaughters of late Thomson Corp. magnate Roy Thomson. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Ottawa scraps controversial test

Immigrants will not be required to pass English trial

Ottawa has dropped its idea of making all immigrants take a rigorous British-made language test to get into the country.

"They realized the ludicrousness of it," Alex Stojicevic, chair of the immigration section of the Canadian Bar Association, said yesterday.

"The optics of it were terrible. Telling Americans they need a language test to come to Canada makes us look silly."

Stojicevic three times wrote to Immigration Minister Diane Finley to object to the rule change and Monday night got a call from Leah Olson, Finley's senior policy adviser, with the news the immigration lawyers had won.

Torstar News Service published a story Monday about the three-hour International English Language Testing System exam created at the University of Cambridge in England.

Immigration officials championed its impartiality and efficiency, but language experts objected to its academic tone and un-Canadian content. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

« *Telling Americans they need a language test to come to Canada makes us look silly.* »
Canadian Bar Association's Alex Stojicevic

Soldier killed in firefight

A Canadian platoon commander was shot and killed this morning during a firefight with insurgents in the Panjwayi District of southern Afghanistan.

Capt. Richard (Steve) Leary, Second Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, became the country's 84th military death in Afghanistan.



Leary

Medics fought desperately to save the captain's life, but he was pronounced dead on arrival at Kandahar Air Field.

"On behalf of the entire Task Force, I would like to extend our deepest condolences to the family and friends of Capt. Leary," a somber Col. Jamie Cade, deputy commander of Task Force Afghanistan, told reporters this evening.

"Capt. Leary was what we in uniform are expected to be — he was a soldier and he was a leader."

Those under his command were stricken by the loss, added Maj. Jay Janzen. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

bernier breach

Couillard linked to mobster: Sources

DRUGS Before Julie Couillard's liaison with former foreign affairs minister Maxime Bernier and her brushes with the biker underworld, she was romantically linked with a mobster well-known to Toronto's criminal circles.

Sources say the 38-year-old Couillard dated convicted Montreal drug importer Antonio Volpato on and off between 1991 and 1993, when she was barely out of her teens and he was in his mid-forties. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

politics

Commons votes to let deserters stay

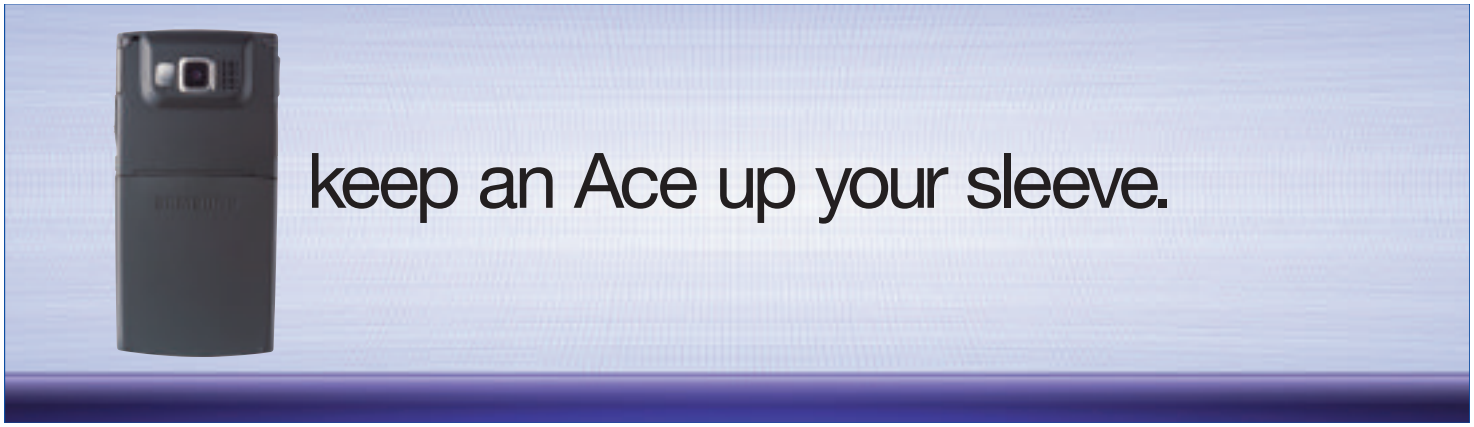
NON-BINDING U.S. soldiers who have deserted the military because of the Iraq war should be allowed to stay permanently in Canada, Parliament voted in a non-binding motion yesterday.

The three opposition parties backed a motion that said the government should allow conscientious objectors and their families to stay in Canada. REUTERS

vancouver

Stolen art likely to be sold, not melted

THEFT Whoever stole $2 million in art from a Vancouver museum is likely trying to sell the collection, not melt it down for the gold, as had first been feared, police said yesterday, adding that they believe the heist was locally planned. REUTERS





'Great period in life'

Boomers now enjoying sex more than ever: Poll

Single baby boomers are enjoying better sex, are open to threesomes and are not looking to get married, according to a new poll.

Forty-six per cent of the 1,000 Canadians and Americans born between 1946 and 1964 who were questioned in the survey said they enjoyed sex more now than they did during their 20s and 30s.

"I think we're looking at a generation that really sees this time as a great period in life," said Marina Glogovac, of the online dating site Lavalife which conducted the poll.

"Most of these people are looking to enhance their lives, so they're not really sitting there and saying I'm desperate, I need to live with someone. Their attitude is, we want to meet interesting people."

group activity

» Twenty-five per cent of sexually active boomers surveyed were open to participating in a threesome.

There are an estimated 85 million baby boomers in North America, according to the American Association of Retired People (AARP), comprising nearly 28 per cent of the adult population. About 30 per cent of boomers are single.

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Ottawa **Canada Day performers**



TIM WIECLAWSKI/METRO OTTAWA

DRUM! musician Jeremiah Sparks, the NCC's Marie Lemay, Heritage Minister Josee Verner and Chicken Farmers of Canada chairman David Fuller, from left, reveal the Canada Day roster of acts at an event in the Chateau Laurier yesterday.



»news In Brief

» **CELLPHONES** An Ottawa politician is proposing legislation to end billions of dollars worth of "misleading" charges that the cellphone industry has collected over the years. Liberal Ottawa South MP David McGuinty says overcharges, data and roaming surcharges and even 9-1-1 access fees can double advertised rates for an industry that's earning about $4 billion a year. McGuinty's proposed legislation — the Get Connected Fairly Act — would end system access fees, he said.

» **INVESTIGATION** An incident where a 15-year-old girl claimed to have been sexually assaulted in a wooded area near an Ottawa transit station did not happen, police have determined after an investigation.

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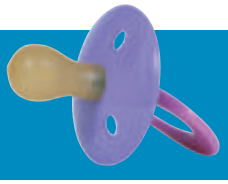
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Obama clinches nomination

Illinois senator to lead Democrats in White House race

Barack Obama captured the Democratic presidential nomination yesterday, capping a rapid rise from political obscurity to become the first black to lead a major U.S. party into a race for the White House.

Rival Hillary Clinton, a former first lady who entered the race 17 months ago as a heavy favorite, congratulated Obama but did not concede. The New York senator said she would consult with party leaders and supporters to determine her next move.

A surge of support from uncommitted delegates helped give Obama the 2,118 votes he needed to clinch the nomination as the lengthy Democratic battle concluded with an Obama victory in Montana and a Clinton win in South Dakota.

Clinton as VP?

» Clinton told New York members of Congress she would be open to becoming Obama's vice-presidential running mate, and her backers turned up the pressure on Obama to pick her as his No. 2.

Obama will be crowned the Democratic nominee at the convention in August and will face Republican John McCain in November's election to choose a successor to President Bush.

"Tonight, we mark the end of one historic journey with the beginning of another," Obama told a victory celebration in St. Paul, Minnesota, at the site of the Republican convention in September. REUTERS



JEFF HAYNES/REUTERS

Barack Obama waves to the audience as his wife Michelle claps, at his South Dakota and Montana presidential primary election night rally in St. Paul, Minn., yesterday.

Euthanasia tourists buy pet sedative in Mexico

Elderly foreign tourists are tapping Mexican pet shops for a drug used by veterinarians to put cats and dogs to sleep that has become the sedative of choice for euthanasia campaigners.

Tourists from as far as Australia have travelled to Mexico to buy liquid pentobarbital, which causes a painless death in humans in less than an hour, right-to-die advocates say.

Clutching photos of the bottled drug to overcome a lack of Spanish, they have maps sketched by euthanasia activists to locate back-street pet shops and veterinary supply stores near the U.S. border. There they can buy a bottle for $35 to $50, enough for one suicide, no questions asked. REUTERS

Texas **Kids head home**



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A woman from the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, leaves the Catholic Charities Assessment Center in Fort Worth, Texas, yesterday. More than 400 kids from a polygamist sect began returning to their families on Monday after a judge lifted her order giving the state custody of them.

China considers next step

Obstacles slowing reconstruction, relief efforts

Top Chinese officials considered yesterday a plan to rebuild earthquake-ravaged parts of the country's southwest while protests by grieving parents and dangerous quake lakes cast a shadow over relief efforts.

water buildup

» Troops and disaster officials have also been seeking to defuse threats from dangerous build-ups of water created by quake-caused landslides choking rivers.

The earthquake centred in Sichuan province has killed 69,107 people and displaced more than 15 million, according to official figures yesterday. The death toll is likely to rise with 18,230 still listed as missing.

Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao has nonetheless vowed to move quickly to rebuild towns and villages devastated by the May 12 quake. He and other officials met to discuss a reconstruction plan for the region, state television reported. REUTERS

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» **GAZA** Hamas expanded its administration in the Gaza Strip yesterday in an effort to strengthen its hold on the coastal territory, a senior official from the Islamist group said. In the West Bank, Fatah spokesman Fahmi al-Zarir said Hamas's move would deepen divisions and said the Islamist group was not serious in its calls for reconciliation with Abbas.

» **BIRD FLU** Tyson Foods Inc, the second largest U.S. chicken producer, said yesterday it will destroy about 15,000 chickens in Arkansas exposed to a mild strain of bird flu, and while there was no risk to human health the news sent its shares lower.

» **MARRIAGE** U.S. opponents of gay marriage pushed their campaign on both coasts this week, setting it up as a potential hot-button issue in the Nov. 4 elections around the country. REUTERS

Britain

UK government amends terror bill

POLITICS Britain's interior minister Jacqui Smith offered concessions yesterday to try to save Prime Minister Gordon Brown from a parliamentary defeat over plans to extend the time limit for holding terrorism suspects without charge. REUTERS



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Britons are too busy to eat oranges in their lunch breaks nowadays and are opting instead for "easy to peel" fruit like satsumas or tangerines, according to a survey. REUTERS

UN takes on food crisis

Seeking plan to prevent the spread of hunger

A UN global food crisis summit will draw up an emergency plan today to mobilize aid, reduce trade barriers and invest in farming in poor countries to stop the spread of hunger threatening nearly one billion people.

"We commit to eliminating hunger and to securing food for all, today and tomorrow," read a draft declaration from the three-day Rome summit, whose opening session yesterday was attended by leaders of about 44 nations.

The United Nations' Food and Agriculture Organisation called the emergency meeting amid soaring commodity prices that threaten to add as many as 100 million more people to the 850 million already going hungry and destabilize governments.

The cost of major food commodities has doubled over the last couple of years, with rice, corn and wheat at record highs. The OECD sees prices retreating from their current peaks but still up to 50 per cent higher in the coming decade.

After lofty speeches from leaders yesterday, many of whom blamed trade barriers and biofuels, championed by Brazil and the U.S., for driving up prices, delegates will hold talks today to prepare a declaration for release tomorrow.

The draft declaration promised to "stimulate food production and to increase investment in agriculture, to address obstacles to food access and to use the planet's resources sustainably for present and future generations."

The United States defended itself from accusations of culpability in the world food crisis on Tuesday and said it was not getting enough credit for being the world's largest provider of food aid. REUTERS



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The child of a food vendor stands next to rice for sale at a market in Managua, Nicaragua, yesterday.

U.S. to require electronic data

Foreigners will have to provide information

The U.S. will make visa-free foreign travellers provide electronic information about themselves and their trip before they depart, Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff said yesterday.

valid

» The electronic authorizations will be valid for up to two years, and for multiple entries.

The requirement is to take effect on Jan. 12, 2009, and is mandated under legislation passed last year implementing anti-terrorism recommendations of the Sept. 11 commission.

The step is the latest in an overhaul of U.S. travel regulations since the Sept. 11 attacks. Some measures have raised concerns in Europe over individual privacy and Washington's strategy of conducting bilateral negotiations with member countries over visa-free status.

"Getting this information in advance enables our frontline personnel to determine whether a visa-free traveler presents a threat, before boarding an aircraft or arriving on our shores," Chertoff said in a statement.

"It is a relatively simple and effective way to strengthen our security, and that of international travelers, while helping to preserve an important program for key allies," he said.

The requirement affects people from so-called visa-waiver countries who travel to the U.S. without visas, for temporary business or pleasure. They will need to provide the requested information — travel plans and basic biographical data — before departure and obtain an electronic travel authorization before they board a plane or ship. REUTERS

Chile

Pinochet-era murder reopened

SINGER A Chilean judge yesterday reopened the murder case of beloved leftist folk singer Victor Jara, who was tortured and killed in the early days of the 17-year dictatorship of Augusto Pinochet.

Judge Juan Eduardo Fuentes reversed his decision to close the investigation saying it was "reasonable" to look into some of the 40 pieces of new evidence provided by the singer's family and lawyers.

withdraw

NATO wants Russia out of Georgia

TROOPS NATO Secretary-General Jaap de Hoop Scheffer said yesterday Russia should withdraw 400 troops deployed to repair railway lines in Georgia's breakaway region of Abkhazia. REUTERS

U.S. suspends Sudan talks

Envoy fears return of civil war

The United States suspended talks with Sudan on normalizing relations yesterday, saying leaders from the north and south were not serious about ending clashes that have stoked fears of a return to civil war.

The announcement by the U.S. envoy to Sudan raised pressure on both sides as the U.N. Security Council began talks with the rivals to try to shore up their 2005 peace agreement after the clashes in the oil-producing central region of Abyei last month.

"As of right now our talks are suspended," Richard Williamson told reporters. "At this point the leadership of either side is not interested in meaningful peace. I won't be part of a sham peace that won't change the situation."

« I won't be part of a sham peace that won't change the situation. »

Richard Williamson, U.S. envoy to Sudan

Visibly angry, Williamson said he was "sad and disappointed" and until north and south Sudan wanted peace "there's nothing the United States or others can do".

Nafie Ali Nafie, an adviser to Sudan's president, described the U.S. move as "sudden" and "very unfortunate." He told reporters talks on improving relations with the United States had been going well until they reached the subject of Abyei.

Sudan's U.N. ambassador Abdalmahmoud Abdalhaleem went further, saying Williamson had been unhelpful from the start.

"He did not negotiate in good faith," he told Reuters.

Sudan, under U.S. sanctions for more than a decade, has been in talks with the United States on normalizing relations. Before any deal, Washington wants to ensure lasting peace in the south and an end to conflict in the western Darfur region. REUTERS

Red wine may help slow aging: Study

A natural compound found in red wine may protect the heart against the effects of the aging process, researchers said yesterday.

In their study, mice were given a diet supplemented with the compound known as resveratrol starting at their equivalent of middle age until old age.

These mice experienced changes in their gene activity related to aging in a way very similar to mice that were placed on a so-called calorie restriction diet that slows the aging process by greatly cutting dietary energy intake. REUTERS

China Tiananmen Square



DAVID GRAY/REUTERS

A man takes a photograph before the start of the flag raising ceremony at dawn in Beijing's Tiananmen Square. A human rights watchdog urged China yesterday to free some 130 Tiananmen-era prisoners on the eve of the 19th anniversary of the student-led demonstrations for democracy.

»news In Brief

» **ATTACK** Sri Lanka's Tamil Tiger rebels accused the army yesterday of killing six civilians in a roadside ambush as both sides wage a propaganda war.

» **CONFESSION** A U.S.-born man who trained with al Qaeda in Afghanistan and fought in Bosnia pleaded guilty yesterday to plotting to bomb targets in the United States and Europe, the Justice Department said. Christopher Paul, 44, agreed to serve 20 years in prison under terms of the deal. REUTERS

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Microsoft Corp. said yesterday it plans to test release a feature complete version of its Internet Explorer 8 web browser in August to ordinary web users. REUTERS

THE DAILY BUSINESS BUZZ

McCreath in intensive care: Peter McCreath, chairman of the Nova Scotia Liquour Corporation, suffered a minor heart attack early Saturday morning. He is resting comfortably in the intensive care unit at the Bridgewater Hospital, and is doing well. The former Tory MP had just returned from Florida. Later this week, he is expected to travel to Halifax for an angiogram.

Market fund close to goal: Halifax Seaport Farmers' Market manager Fred Kilcup said on Monday that the community investment portion of the proposed project is close to its critical goal of $500,000. He explained that the market required $500,000 as a minimum amount, as well as a minimum of 50 investors to close the offering; as of Monday morning, the Farmers' Market Investment Co-operative had brought in 125 investors and raised about $467,000, with the average investor contributing about $5,000. As part of the province's Community Economic Development Investment Fund, the offering allows investors to claim an income tax credit. It is scheduled to close on July 16.

Spectacle wins creative nods: Halifax-based Spectacle Group has won both Gold and Silver awards in the 2008 Summit Creative Awards competition for its creative work for Noble Grape Urban Winery. Spectacle Group won gold in the "Television Spot Less than $5,000" category, and silver in the "Brand Redesign" category. Spectacle Group rebranded Noble Grape, formerly known as Brewingcenters, to reflect the shift in the market from beer brewing to winemaking. Spectacle is an advertising and PR firm.

Come To Life adds Truro area: Fifteen associations and businesses from the Truro area are now charter members of the Nova Scotia government's Come To life initiative. Nova Scotia Come To Life now has the backing of 164 charter members. Charter members act as ambassadors for Nova Scotia, raising awareness about the province and the benefits of living, working, learning and doing business in Nova Scotia. For more information about Nova Scotia Come To life or its charter members, visit *www.novascotialife.com*.

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GM to shut Ont. plant

Three-year deal signed in May

job-sharing negotiation

» The Canadian Auto Workers union reached a three-year contract deal with GM in mid May, agreeing to a wage freeze and a shift rotation at the truck plant that would see up to 2,600 workers share about 1,300 full-time jobs.

Workers at the Oshawa, Ont., truck plant that General Motors Corp. plans to close next year, affecting at least 1,000 jobs, said yesterday they felt betrayed, having signed a new contract with GM just two weeks earlier.

"It's an insult to the union membership," said one worker. "We were promised a new line of vehicles —they've totally reneged on that."

Yesterday, in Delaware, GM CEO Rick Wagoner said the automaker will close the Oshawa plant, along with three other operations in the U.S. and Mexico. The Oshawa plant is set to shut down in the second half of 2009. REUTERS

»news In Brief

» **SPORTS** The NHL said it signed a six-year broadcast and digital rights deal in Canada with TSN, that media reports said is worth at least $200 million US. The NHL also said it has renewed its marketing agreement with Anheuser-Busch through the 2010-2011 season.

» **ABCP** An Ontario Superior Court judge said that he will probably approve a massive $32 billion restructuring plan for Canada's nonbank asset-backed commercial paper market this week. REUTERS

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Biovail slams Melnyk slate

Biovail Corp. urged shareholders yesterday to reject a dissident proxy circular from the company's biggest shareholder and founder, Eugene Melnyk, in which he proposes his own slate of directors.

Melnyk's proposals, released late Monday, also call for the revitalization of Biovail's drug pipeline, including a return to some generic pharmaceuticals, and a renewal of the practice of acquiring more products and technologies.

Analysts were mixed on Melnyk's plan."There are a lot of pluses and minuses here, and I think it's going to be emotionally driven," said one analyst. REUTERS

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Energy audit saves money

Home test evaluates efficiency of home, details improvements

By **BRIAN TOWIE**
for Metro Halifax

Your house could be polluting the air more than you think, and it could be costing you a lot of money.

If you can't figure out why your energy bills are through the roof, your home could be wasting power and emitting more greenhouse gases than normal, and it could be time for a home energy audit. It's a test that evaluates the energy-efficiency of your home and details improvements you can make that could potentially reduce your home's GHG output and save you money in the process.

Jamie Shipley, senior research consultant for the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) says owners of houses 40 years old and up should seriously consider getting a home energy audit, which will pinpoint specific areas leaking the most power.

> *« If Home A's energy bills are $1,000 per year cheaper than Home B, then that's the one I'm probably going to buy. »*
> *Jamie Shipley, CMHC*

"If you're concerned about lowering the operating cost of your home or saving energy, the first thing your need to know is where you're losing the most energy so you can focus your budget to the areas where you'll get the most bang for your buck. An energy audit will pinpoint the best areas to attack your house," he said.

The areas commonly susceptible to leakage, Shipley notes, are basements and wall outlets such as doors and windows. Sometimes these areas can have tiny tears in the walls, ceilings and floors that are innocent enough, but put together could make hole as big as 1.5 square feet in your house that spews energy you could otherwise use. The website for National Clean Air Day (*cleanairday.com*) says using caulking and weather stripping to seal these holes can save you up to 20 per cent on your energy bill.

Some provinces are even willing to lend a helping hand: Ontario, for example, runs a program that subsidizes 50 per cent of the cost of an energy audit, up to a maximum of $150 — you don't even have to carry out the advised retrofits on your house to collect the rebate.

Homebuyers who are new to the market are also becoming more concerned with how energy efficient a house is, Shipley notes, adding that while curb appeal still trumps all, energy bills can make or break a deal nowadays.

"They always ask, or should ask, for a copy of the energy bills for that house, and that becomes part of the equation of whether they feel that house is one they want to buy, that's really a relationship of how energy efficient that home is," Shipley said.

"If Home A's energy bills are $1,000 per year cheaper than Home B, then that's the one I'm probably going to buy."

» For more information, visit the Office of Energy Efficiency's website at *oee.nrcan.gc.ca*.

understanding r-value

» R-value is the measurement of a material's resistance to the transfer of heat through it. Generally, the higher the R-value of a home building material, the more resistant it is to heat passing through it — keeping heat contained in the winter and outside in the summer, for example, and therefore a more energy efficient material to use.

» "Wood has an R-value, though not high," says Jamie Shipley, senior research consultant for the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation. "Fiberglass has an R-value per inch. For example, multiply R 3.2 per inch by how many inches you'll have in a wall or attic, then that will tell you the R-value of that assembly."

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» Buy locally grown produce. It has a lower associated pollution cost from transportation.
» Compost your leaves and brush. Burning them will increase carbon dioxide emissions.
» Buy a push lawn mower. It's good exercise and reduces carbon dioxide emissions.
» Don't blow your leaves — rake them instead. Your ears and your neighbours will thank you, and you will reduce carbon dioxide emissions.
» Make sure your car is properly tuned up and your tires are at the right pressure to ensure optimal fuel efficiency.
» Encourage carpooling when possible! Put a map up in the office to encourage carpooling and make it easier for riders to connect.

SOURCE: ENVIRONMENT CANADA

Energy conservation is serious business and something the whole family can take part in. Conserving energy is easy, especially if every family member does their part. To help your family members become energy conservation experts, consider implementing the following energy saving practices into your family's routine:



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Take advantage of the warm weather and hang laundry out to dry to conserve energy.

» **INSTALL A** programmable thermostat to help regulate the temperature of your home. Setting the temperature a degree or two higher when no one is home during the day in the summer will contribute to energy savings. Having pre-determined temperature settings will also prevent family members from adjusting the temperature on a whim.

» **TURN OFF** the tap while brushing your teeth. There is no reason to keep the water on, and turning it off can save up to eight gallons of water. This practice is another way to get the kids involved in conservation.

» **UP TO** 30 per cent of the cooling in your home is lost through poorly fitted windows and doors. Caulking and weather stripping around windows and doors and upgrading to energy efficient windows will conserve energy. Also, make sure everyone in the family closes doors when entering and exiting the home to prevent the cool air from escaping.

» **SWITCH FROM** incandescent lighting to high-efficiency compact fluorescent bulbs. They use at least two thirds less energy and have a significantly longer bulb life — almost 10 times longer. Also, ask all family members to turn off lights whenever they leave a room and put the kids in charge of ensuring every family member is light-conscious.

» **INSTALL A** low-flow showerhead to reduce hot water consumption. Even a 10-minute shower with a conventional showerhead can use up to 42 gallons of water. Low-flow showerheads are easy to install and use far less water. Go the extra mile and set a household shower-time limit.

» **KEEP THE KIDS** from standing with the refrigerator door open while choosing after-school snacks by having them decide what they want to eat before opening the fridge.

» **TAKE ADVANTAGE** of the warm summer air and hang laundry out to dry. Sheets hanging on a clothesline also make great backyard mazes, which will surely be appreciated by younger family members. Check your local municipal bylaws before installing a permanent clothesline.

» **UNPLUG VAMPIRE** electronics — devices including mobile phone chargers and computers that draw power from outlets even when they're in stand-by mode. You would be surprised at how much energy your computer uses even when it's left in "sleep" or standby mode.

» More information on this topic is available online at *www.directenergy.com* or toll-free at 1-888-334-8221.

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What is Clean Air Day?
Celebrated on the first Wednesday in June every year since 1999, Clean Air Day is all about the stuff we breathe, and the promotion of good health across the country. The signature program of Clean Air Day is the federal government's Commuter Challenge. For the 2008 challenge, you can register to a sustainable commute — such as walking, cycling, carpooling, taking transit and telecommuting — and the website will calculate your emissions savings.

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today's commuter challenge stats

» **Registered (participating) users:** 23,438 (11,759)
» **Registered communities:** 558
» **Registered workplaces:** 4,317
» **Total kilometres saved:** 404,941
» **Total emmisions (GHG) saved:** 58,269 kg
» **Total emmisions (Nox) saved:** 283 kg
» **Total emmisions (PM 2.5) saved:** 2 kg
» For more updates, or to register, check out the National Commuter Challenge website at *www.commuterchallenge.ca*.

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Tampa Bay Lightning head coach John Tortorella, left, who orchestrated the franchise's only Stanley Cup in 2004, was fired by the team yesterday. The Lightning were last overall in the NHL this season. REUTERS

»sports In Brief

» **TENNIS** Rafael Nadal and Novak Djokovic set up the semifinal clash the French Open fans wanted yesterday as Three-time champion Nadal bulldozed his way to a 6-1, 6-1, 6-1 win fellow Spaniard Nicolas Almagro and Djokovic battled to a 7-5, 7-6, 7-5 win over Latvian Ernests Gulbis.

» **MLB** Arizona left-hander Randy Johnson passed Roger Clemens for second on the all-time strikeouts list last night by retiring Milwaukee's Mike Cameron for career strikeout 4,673. Johnson now trails only Nolan Ryan and his 5,714 career strikeouts.

» **NBA** The Detroit Pistons head coach Flip Saunders was fired yesterday despite leading the club to the Eastern Conference finals in each of his three seasons.

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NHL

STANLEY CUP FINAL
PITTSBURGH VS. DETROIT
Game 6 — Tonight
Detroit at Pittsburgh, 9
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Pittsburgh at Detroit, 9
(Detroit leads series 3-2)
(* – if necessary)

NBA

NBA FINALS
BOSTON VS. L.A. LAKERS
Game 1 — Tomorrow
L.A. Lakers at Boston, 10
Game 2 — Sunday
L.A. Lakers at Boston, 10
Game 3 — Tuesday, June 10
Boston at L.A. Lakers, 10
Game 4 —Thursday, June 12
Boston at L.A. Lakers, 10
Game 5 —Sunday, June 15
*Boston at L.A. Lakers, 10
Game 6 — Tuesday, June 17
*L.A. Lakers at Boston, 10
Game 7 —Thursday, June 19
*L.A. Lakers at Boston, 10
(* – if necessary)

MLB

LAST NIGHT'S RESULTS
AMERICAN LEAGUE
Toronto 9 N.Y. Yankees 3
Boston 7 Tampa Bay 4
Chicago W. Sox 9 Kansas City 5
Baltimore 5 Minnesota 3
Cleveland at Texas
Detroit at Oakland
L.A. Angels at Seattle
NATIONAL LEAGUE
Atlanta 5 Florida 4
Houston 2 Pittsburgh 0
Milwaukee 7 Arizona 1
Philadelphia 3 Cincinnati 2
St. Louis at Washington
Chicago Cubs at San Diego
Colorado at L.A. Dodgers
N.Y. Mets at San Francisco

TODAY'S GAMES
AMERICAN LEAGUE
Detroit at Oakland, 4:35
L.A. Angels at Seattle, 5:40
Tampa Bay at Boston, 8:05
Toronto at N.Y. Yankees, 8:05
Cleveland at Texas, 9:05
Baltimore at Minnesota, 9:10
Kansas City at Chicago W. Sox, 9:11
NATIONAL LEAGUE
Florida at Atlanta, 2:05
Arizona at Milwaukee, 3:05
Colorado at L.A. Dodgers, 4:10
N.Y. Mets at San Francisco, 4:45
Houston at Pittsburgh, 8:05
Cincinnati at Philadelphia, 8:05
St. Louis at Washington, 8:10
Chicago Cubs at San Diego, 11:05



How high will Lower Sackville's Ben Duffy go in Saturday's QMJHL draft?

Metro Halifax sports reporter Matthew Wuest will be at the QMJHL draft in Sydney this weekend. Follow his in-depth coverage all week at www.metronews.ca

Get behind the scenes with Matthew's blog – The Q Files – as he keeps you informed with exclusive interviews, up-to-the-minute trade news and a live blog on draft day, at www.metronews.ca/qfiles

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Pens, Wings ready to go

Triple-OT game won't keep teams down long



MIKE CASSESE/REUTERS

A Red Wings fan reacts after their triple-overtime loss to the Pittsburgh Penguins in Game 5 of the Stanley Cup final on Monday in Detroit. The Red Wings could have won the Cup with a win and will have the same opportunity tonight in Pittsburgh.

The Detroit Red Wings insisted yesterday they lost little sleep after their Stanley Cup dreams came up 35 seconds short before a gut-wrenching triple overtime 4-3 defeat by the Pittsburgh Penguins.

Leading the best-of-seven series 3-1 and clinging to a 3-2 lead with the final minute of Game 5 ticking down on Monday, the Stanley Cup had been polished and the champagne put on ice.

But just as the capacity crowd at the Joe Louis arena was getting ready to celebrate, the Penguins' Maxime Talbot spoiled the party by scoring with just 35 seconds remaining in regulation to push the game into overtime.

Petr Sykora then delivered the knockout blow deep into the third overtime, sending the two teams back to Pittsburgh for Game 6 tonight with the Detroit lead sliced to 3-2.

"It's nice to be close to it (the Stanley Cup)," Detroit coach Mike Babcock told reporters yesterday. "Be nicer to have it.

"You never expect it to be easy. You knew it was going to be a battle, and it is."

If there was any disappointment in coming so close to their goal in the Detroit dressing room it was replaced by confidence by the time the Red Wings arrived in Steeltown.

The Wings have won all three of their previous playoff series on the road this season and say they would have no problem clinching the Stanley Cup at the Igloo.

History also remains firmly on Detroit's side. Only once has a team erased a 3-1 deficit to claim the Cup and that was the Toronto Maple Leafs 66 years ago.

The battered Penguins have given themselves a tough act to follow, the triple overtime thriller being hailed as one of the Stanley Cup final's greatest games.

A Game 6 win would almost certainly require another Herculean effort, with several players nursing injuries.

"It was definitely a tough one last night but we're just happy to really still be playing," said Penguins captain Sidney Crosby, a native of Cole Harbour. "I think any time you go through something like that, come out with a win, to see the way everyone kept battling and didn't give up, it certainly means a lot to everyone.

"We're still here, still battling, and we still have an opportunity." REUTERS

Leagues benefit from TV numbers



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The economy sucks, as you know, but sports leagues are prospering.

Attendance figures in MLB, the NHL and the NBA are all up while their television ratings have increased significantly.

Viewership for NBA playoff games has risen a whopping 28 per cent from last season. Interest is so high for the league's championship series between the Los Angeles Lakers and the Boston Celtics that ABC is charging an NBA record $400,000 US for 30-second commercials – and there's a full waiting list of companies wishing to become sponsors.

And, despite a publicized opinion from golfer **Tiger Woods** that "no one watches hockey any more," the NHL's Stanley Cup games between the Detroit Red Wings and the Pittsburgh Penguins have drawn markedly improved ratings.

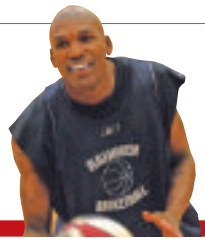
"Watching sports on TV has become a popular pastime again," said **Ed Erhardt**, chief of marketing and sales for ABC and ESPN. "It could be directly related to the economy. It's clearly a lot cheaper to stay home and watch sports on TV than to go out for other forms of entertainment."

» Speaking of ESPN, there are rumblings that Torontonian **Hazel Mae** may be en route to the network now that her four-year stint at NESN has ended.

Mae, who's nearing 40, got herself in a bit of hot water at the New England network after suggesting in public that she would quit if management forbid her from dating sports figures, something she did frequently while anchoring at NESN and, previously, at Rogers Sportsnet.

» And, despite Tiger's hockey-apathy theory, ex-baseball superstar **George Brett**, part-owner of the junior-hockey franchise in Spokane, Wash., is so certain that the NHL would sell well in Kansas City that he has let it be known he's eager to become an investor should the NHL ever expand to the city, which it has been contemplating ... I think **Jose Canseco's** losing it. The ex-slugger has challenged Boston Red Sox pitcher **Curt Schilling** to a celebrity-boxing match. Why? Canseco thinks Schilling is a snitch and a phony, and claims the bloody sock that helped make him famous was actually smeared with ketchup ... The real reason the Toronto Argonauts recently dealt kicker **Noel Prefontaine** to the Edmonton Eskimos: He told them he would no longer be able to play hard because of his concussion history ... And did you know road teams in the NHL have won 10 of the past 12 overtime games in the Stanley Cup series and are 15-4 since 1990?

Marty York has been a groundbreaking sports columnist and broadcaster in Canada for decades.



Halifax Rainmen all-star Eric Crookshank, right, will serve coffee this morning at Tim Hortons on Main Street in Dartmouth in support of Camp Day, a fundraiser for kids' summer camps. METRO HALIFAX

Duffy likely top N.S. draft pick

Dartmouth forward favoured by scouts

By **MATTHEW WUEST**
Metro Halifax

A number of Nova Scotians are expected to be picked in Saturday's Quebec Major Junior Hockey League draft in Sydney. Metro spoke to QMJHL scouts to provide a closer look at the top-ranked Halifax-area prospects. They are listed with Central Scouting ranking, position, height, weight and major midget team.

ROUND 1

6. **Ben Duffy**, F, 5-11, 180, Dartmouth. He was the major midget circuit's MVP and will be the top Bluenoser selected. **SCOUT SAYS:** "There's not a thing he can't do offensively."

ROUND 2

20. **Bradley MacDonald**, F, 5-8, 165, Dartmouth. MacDonald's stock skyrocketed with a high-scoring second half. **SCOUT SAYS:** "He's one of the draft's best skaters and he works hard."



Duffy

29. **Matthew Fortune**, D, 6-1, 170, Dartmouth. His brother, Ryan, was the captain of the Halifax McDonald's. **SCOUT SAYS:** "He's a physical, stay-at-home defenceman."

ROUND 3

37. **Sean Hoyt**, F, 6-1, 165, Cole Harbour. He was a point-per-game player on a team that won an Atlantic title. **SCOUT SAYS:** "He's a hard-working role player who is smart defensively."

40. **Kody Orr**, F, 6-0, 170, Dartmouth. He put up decent numbers, but teams like his character and versatility. **SCOUT SAYS:** "He's a future captain in the Q. He plays all areas of the rink."

54. **Andrew Roski**, F, 5-11, 185, Dartmouth. The gritty Subways' captain was productive on a line with star Ben Duffy. **SCOUT SAYS:** "He'll do anything to help his team win."

ROUND 4

63. **Tyler Noseworthy**, F, 6-2, 195, Pictou County (junior A). The Dartmouth native and former Subways forward projects as a tireless grinder. **SCOUT SAYS:** "He just loves to hit."

67. **Chris Dart**, F, 5-8, 160, Dartmouth. He's a pest who can score (46 points in 34 games). **SCOUT SAYS:** "He's the Ken Linesman of the midget league … The antagonist of the draft."

ROUND 5

78. **Nicholas Young**, F, Cole Harbour. He had just four goals in 49 games, so don't expect much offence. **SCOUT SAYS:** "He's a crasher. He's first on pucks and he sacrifices his body."

83. **Stephen MacAulay**, F, Cole Harbour. He came on strong toward the end of the year, showing flashes of becoming a scorer. **SCOUT SAYS:** "He can put the puck in the net."

OTHER NOVA SCOTIANS: F Logan Shaw, Cape Breton (31); F Travis Moore, Pictou County (38); D Casey Babineau, Pictou County (44); D Derek Larade, Cape Breton West (71); G Kyle Ferdinand, Pictou County (82).

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NHL

MacInnis among 7 N.S. Hall inductees

HONOURS The Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame announced seven new inductees yesterday, to be honoured in a ceremony on Oct. 17.

Al MacInnis, a legendary NHL defenceman from Port Hood, leads the pack, while Olympic paddler Don Brien, boxer Carroll Morgan and multi-sport athlete Peter Corkum will be inducted in the athlete category.

David Fraser, Arnie Patterson and Wayne Finck will join the Hall as builders, while the 1960-61 Amherst Ramblers are being inducted in the team category.

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Talented winger Jakub Voracek's career with the Halifax Mooseheads is likely over, but that hasn't stopped the team from keeping his rights from being scooped up by another CHL team.

Moose sticking with Voracek

Team keeps star on protected list

By **MATTHEW WUEST**
Metro Halifax

The Halifax Mooseheads are sticking with Jakub Voracek, even though he may never play another game for them.

The Mooseheads are planning to keep the 18-year-old Czech star on their protected list, and as a result, won't be able to make any picks in the Canadian Hockey League import draft.

Voracek is a good bet to play for the Columbus Blue Jackets next season, and is even considering signing with a Czech ExtraLiga team if his bid to play in the NHL falls short.

"You cannot just release Jakub Voracek and I don't know of a team that will take the risk of trading for him," Mooseheads general manager Marcel Patenaude said. "Our focus is to keep him on our list and we'll wait and see what happens."

Each CHL team is allowed a maximum of two Europeans on its protected list. In addition to Voracek, the Mooseheads have skilled winger Tomas Knotek returning as an 18-year-old.

Petr Svoboda, Voracek's agent, said it's "way too early" to say if his client would play in the ExtraLiga next season, but noted it would come down to what the Blue Jackets prefer.

Patenaude said he would look at trading for a European during the season if Voracek doesn't end up in Halifax.

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Mean machine

Altima Coupe as good as it looks

By **B. MCLAUCHLAN**
for Metro Halifax

Ever since the 240SX and Sentra SE disappeared from the scene in the late 1990s, an affordable, good-looking coupe has been missing from Nissan's two-door cupboard.

Enter the Altima Coupe for 2008, a sexy machine with come-hither curves borrowed straight from Nissan's upscale Infiniti G35 gene pool.

Following the pattern set by the Honda Accord and Toyota Camry/Solara, the Altima Coupe is a mechanically identical twin of its sedan sibling, meaning a front-wheel-drive, four- or six-cylinder machine with mild sporting pretensions.

Our tester came equipped with the well-proven 2.5-litre four-cylinder engine mated to Nissan's increasingly prevalent Continuously Variable Transmission (CVT) … the latter operated like an automatic but with an infinite choice of gear ratios to get the most of out of powertrain for any given set of driving conditions.

The 175 horsepower this engine produces is class competitive and its torque output is suitably robust, though it does get tamed a tad by the transmission's tuning.

Thankfully the rest of the Altima Coupe's attributes are more evident. Light steering does a decent job of communicating just what's going on with the front wheels.

The brakes feel strong and pedal pressure is easily modulated. The 16-inch all-season tires do their job with quiet efficiency, though a softer compound with more grip might help minimize wheelspin on wet roads.

The suspension set-up is comfortable and stable in town or on the highway, doing away with bigger bumps and smaller imperfections with equal poise and composure.

Throw in a set of challenging curves, though, and this curvy coupe also shows it can do a decent dance too.

But the Altima's best claim to fame might rest in its fuel economy numbers. The 2.5 S model with manual transmission gets 8.9 L/100 km (32 mpg) in the city and 6.5 L/100 km (45 mpg) on the highway. The CVT delivers identical city numbers, but slightly lower — 6.3 L/100 km (45 mpg) — out on the open road.

Inside, this coupe doesn't stray too far from its roots, sharing the entire dash and centre console with the Altima sedan.

The gauges are bright and legible while major controls fall readily to hand and all secondary switches feel logically placed and easy to operate.

Our tester came with the optional Premium Leather Package which includes a whole raft of features like leather seating surfaces and gearshift, driver's seat lumbar adjustment, dual-zone automatic climate control, auto-dimming rearview mirror and an upgraded nine-speaker, six-disc in-dash CD player, all for a reasonable $2,500.

Other than than the previously mentioned CVT ($1,200), metallic paint ($125) and three-coat paint ($285) remain the only other available additions to the sprice sheet.

Pricing for the Altima 2.5 S starts at $27,798 while our nearly loaded tester tipped the scales at $31,498.

For those with a more sporting outlook, the $31,398 Altima 3.5 SE likely remains the better choice thanks to its 17-inch wheels and tires, a sport-tuned suspension, standard electronic driver aids and, of course, the 270 hp V6 with six-speed manual transmission.



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2008 Nissan Altima 2.5 S

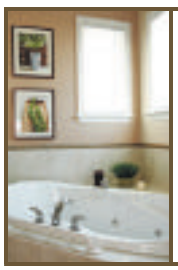
- Type: Mid-size 5-pass. coupe FWD
- Price: $27,798
- Engine: 2.5L L4 DOHC
- HP: 175 @ 5,600 rpm
- Torque: 180 @ 3,900 rpm

Highlights:

- Curvaceous looks
- Decent fuel economy

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Rounding up Bali's best

Indonesian island boasts some of Asia's top hotels

By **HERBERT YPMA**
for Metro World News

Of all the more exotic destinations in Asia, the one that seems best able to combine spirituality with modern life is Bali, one of 17,000 islands in the Indonesian archipelago.

Your mobile phone works, the roads are improving, and the tourism infrastructure is in step with demands for luxury, but all of that has not changed the island's mystery and alluring exoticism.

With a hospitable people and natural beauty as well as attractive cultural traditions Bali is always at the top of my list of Asian destinations.

Bali is the most distinctive of the Indonesian islands. The pure attraction of Balinese culture can still be experienced in its spiritual centre of Ubud, in the middle of the island, but the people's gentle and open-minded demeanour is also very well-suited to the racier parts of the island, like the beaches of Seminyak and Nusa Dua in the south. There are many different facets to Bali, and each one has its own merit.

In the heart of the island, Ubud is green and jungly and authentic, and above all very spiritual. The northern coast is separated of the rest of Bali by a string of volcanoes. The west coast has the best surf, the best restaurants and the best shopping.

Seminyak, a beach town on the south west tip is for people who like some action with their tradition, as it's where you'll find all the clubs, bars, boutiques and restaurants including Ku De Ta, *www.kudeta.net*, a must for eating and drinking right on the beach.

On the southeastern tip you'll find Nusa Dua which has the beaches but the east coast is still the most tropical and pristine.

Gangga on the west coast has black volcanic sand and coral reef surfs.





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Left, The Elysian is located in Bali's most stylish area. Right, Waka Nusa, on Lembongan Island on the east coast.

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There is tremendous variety on offer, but there is a definite must-do list for Bali. In Ubud you must see a temple ceremony, and for the more active traveller there is rafting down the Ayung River, which gives a first-hand taste of the extraordinary jungle landscape.

The hotels in Bali are some of the best in Asia, not just because of their location but because of their service.The Balinese are unflappable — you will never find them grumpy or disagreeable, and they appear to have a permanently sunny disposition

Here's a pick of my favourite places to stay in Bali:

NORTHWEST COAST

PURI GANESHA: Here you can enjoy your own private colonial-era villa overlooking the black volcanic beach, complete with your own butler, for the price of a normal business hotel room.

WEST COAST

THE ELYSIAN: The Elysian offers private villas, private pool, private garden with a contemporary signature that is in keeping with Seminyak's status as Bali's most stylish area — all for the price of an average hotel room elsewhere.

SOUTH COAST

BULGARI: Possibly the ultimate honeymoon destination in Asia, set in an extraordinary location perched on a cliff tops of Uluwatu, with an amazing view, and refined Balinese tradition all wrapped up in signature Italian style.

LEMBONGON ISLAND

WAKA NUSA: Waka Nusa on Lembongan Island on the east coast is a laidback surfing and diving-friendly version of the way Bali used to be, simple, unspoilt and inexpensive with thatched cottages a few steps away from the beach.

UBUD

BEGAWAN GIRI and UMA UBUD: Suspended from a green jungle clad ravine of the Uyung river, Begawan Giri is a spiritual spa sanctuary for the body and mind. Uma Ubud is Begawan Giri's junior — hipper and cheaper.

PEI gets into the swing of summer

Cycling, Anne's 100th birthday among highlights

Prince Edward Island has already established itself as a cycling destination, but will kick that reputation up a notch from June 8 to 12 with the return of Tour de PEI.

This year's race is expected to include 100 female cyclists, who will participate in a five-day, five-stage race. The new route highlights the Island's scenic countryside and coastline for thousands of spectators and 600,000 television viewers who are expected to tune into a feature presentation of the race. Media coverage reached one million households during last year's event.

The participating athletes will cross scenic but challenging terrain covering a total of 403 kilometres, including a 120 kilometre-long race across the hilliest regions in central PEI.

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A highlight of the race will take place on Monday, June 9, when cyclists will race in a time trial across the 12.9-kilometre-long Confederation Bridge.

The bridge will be closed between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. on that day.

CYCLING ITINERARIES

If the race inspires you to bike through the same scenic landscape, start by checking out five cycling itineraries that offer different experiences — the variety ranges from quiet drives in the country that provide frame after frame of breathtaking photographs; through day-long tours that test skill and endurance; to or bone-shaking terrain that will challenge both bike and rider.

As one example, the Confederation Trail, the Prince Edward Island leg of the TransCanada Trail, runs tip-to-tip from Tignish to Elmira and totals 350 kilometres of excellent rolled stone dust surface for cycling and hiking. Frequent villages along the way offer cyclists a convenient selection of accommodations, food and services.

ANNE 2008

This year, activities are being held across Prince Edward Island in honour of the 100th anniversary of the publication of L.M. Montgomery's novel Anne Of Green Gables. For a comprehensive look at the various celebrations taking place, visit *www.anne2008.com*.

Four signature events will include ANNE-imated, to be held June 14 in Charlottetown; the Anne of Green Gables Festival, planned for July 3-6 in Cavendish; Matthew and Marilla's Cuthbert Reunion, taking place in Summerside Aug. 17; and a wrap-up event in Cavendish on the birthday of L.M. Montgomery, Nov. 30.

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TOURISM PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

Prince Edward Island offers scenic routes to suit cyclists of all skill levels. The Tour de PEI returns June 8 to 12.

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A Georgia judge has sentenced Ne-Yo, left, to 24 hours of community service after the R&B star pleaded guilty to driving without a licence. PEOPLE.COM

‘Let’s go big or go home’

Blues festival hauls top acts to show

By **DEAN LISK**
Metro Halifax





Grammy-winner Bonnie Raitt performs at the Dutch Mason Blues Festival on Saturday, Aug. 9. INSET: Guitarist Jimmy Bowskill will be among the youngest performers at the festival.

It will be a unique way to mark end of the fourth annual Dutch Mason Blues Festival.

Garrett Mason — son of the late Prime Minister of the Blues — will perform a tribute to his father with April Wine’s Myles Goodwyn.

“It will be interesting to hear,” said festival artistic director David DeWolfe about the Goodwyn penned tribute to Mason, who died in late 2006.

“It was always probably a pet project for him to do this, and I haven’t heard the song yet, but Myles called me and said he has been working on a blues project for a couple years.”

info

» For more information about the fourth Annual Dutch Mason Blues Festival, a schedule or tickets, visit *dutchmason.com*.

The Sunday afternoon collaboration will be one of the highlights during this year’s festival, which takes place in Bible Hill from Aug. 8 through 10. The outdoor event will feature multiple Grammy-winner Bonnie Raitt, former Sun Record artist James Cotton, and legendary guitarist Hubert Sumlin.

Other performers include David Wilcox — who performed at last month’s tribute to Jeff Healey — band The Twisters, and 17-year-old guitar prodigy Jimmy Bowskill.

“When Dutch and I first started talking about this in 2004, the first thing he said to me was ‘Let’s really get some good names, because it’s the names that draw.

“‘So, let’s go big or go home when we do this,’” said DeWolfe.

“So, it’s all about getting the right names.”

Among the Atlantic Canadians taking part in the blues festival are Charlie A’Court, Thom Swift, Doris Mason, Theresa Malenfant, and Morgan Davis.

While the full roster of musicians performing in the festival are not all hardcore blues artists, DeWolfe said they have all been influences by this genre of music.

“It is a belief in some circles that blues is the godfather of modern day music,” he said. “When you think about the roots of it, and when you trace it back, even country music, rockabilly, jazz and hip hop, it all has the roots of blues in it.”

highlights

» Here is a look at some of the highlights taking place during the fourth annual Dutch Mason Blues Festival in Bible Hill this August:

» BLUES: The three day event — it runs Aug. 8 through 10 — will include afternoon and evening performances by a variety of local, Canadian and international acts. There will also be late night jam sessions, known to last until the early hours of the morning, and an acoustic showcase.

» BIKES: Along with the festival, the weekend event will include a Motorcycle Lifestyle Show. The show will feature costume bikes, accessories and apparel. There will also be motorcycle parade and a contest to

» BBQ: There will be a homemade chicken and rib BBQ sauce competition, a sauce and rib cook-off. Visit *dutchmason.com* for more information.

» Feel like staying closer to home? The Great Atlantic Blues & Beyond Festival is taking place this September at Alderney Landing. Among the artists scheduled to perform during the festival are guitar legend Johnny Winter. For more information on this festival, visit *atlanticbluesfest.com*.

» A singer, musician, guitarist and piano player, Dutch Mason was born in Lunenburg in 1938, and died in Truro in late 2006. During his career, he performed in number of bands and regularly toured Canada as part of the Dutch Mason Trio.



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Hot Toddy’s Thom Swift will perform a solo show during the Dutch Mason Blues Festival.

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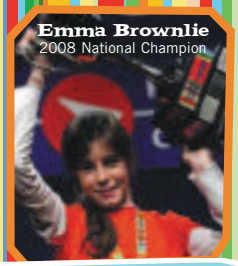
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Teen actor Logan Lerman has joined Renée Zellweger, right, in My One And Only, a movie based on the early years of actor George Hamilton. REUTERS

Songwriter honoured

Tribute album features 19 artists

By **DEAN LISK**
Metro Halifax

He found it pretty amazing to begin with, but it was sitting in a Montreal studio and listening to musicians cut some of his songs that it really sunk in.

"It became real, there were faces and voices and it became real," Ron Bourgeois said. "It's a growing story, and my emotions change as we move forward with this project."

A producer, musician and songwriter, Bourgeois is being honoured this week for his contributions to Acadian and French language music with the release of a tribute CD.

The album features 19 artists from across Canada and the United States paying tribute to Bourgeois by singing material he has written over his three decades in the industry.

Among the artists on the CD are Teresa Ennis, BLOU, Mary Jane Lamond and Mathieu D'Astous — all four will perform with Bourgeois at a CD released party at the World Trade and Convention Centre on Saturday.

Bourgeois said his interest in music began as a youngster growing up in Chéticamp, Cape Breton. The francophone community had to create its own entertainment — and that meant everyone took part.

That community eventually grew to include the whole of eastern Canada, as he became part of a larger community – helping to produce events and also performing as a singer-songwriter.

"I considered myself a songwriter in the sense that I was writing for myself as a performer," said Bourgeois.

"I was the performer accepting these songs, that all changed for me when people started calling me asking for songs."

He said the first time that happened was in the early 1980s. It was a friend who asked to record Bourgeois' songs, so while it was unique, it also felt like he was simply sharing material.

"When you got people who weren't close friends delving into your catalogue, then it is very gratifying," he said.

"It means your peers recognize the value of your work."

details

» What: A Tribute to Ron Bourgeois
» When: Saturday, 9 p.m.
» Where: World Trade and Convention Centre
» Tickets: $10. Visit *expoacadie.com*.
» For a chance to win a copy of the recently released tribute album to Ron Bourgeois, send an email to *dean.lisk@metronews.ca*. One lucky winner will receive a copy of the new CD.



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» **CONCERT** Toronto indie rockers Apostle of Hustle have been added as the special guest at both Bloc Party shows at the Marquee Club on Sept. 14 and 15. The first show is sold out, but tickets are still available for the second performance. They are $32.50 in advance and $37.50 on the day of the show. Call 1-888-311-9090 or visit *sonicconcerts.com*.

» **TOUR** CBC Radio's Stan Carew is hitting the road this summer with United Kingdom-based duo Breeze and Wilson. They will begin their trip across the region in Wolfville on June 28, and end with a show at the Music Room in Halifax on July 7. A ticket price has not been announced, but they will be available at The Madrigal on Spring Garden Road.

» **THEATRE** Two Planks and A Passion Theatre in Canning has announced that a number of members of Halifax's Zuppa Circus will perform in its summer shows. Zuppa's Ben Stone, Sue Leblanc-Crawford, Stewart Legers and Alex MacLean will appear along with actors Katie Swift, Graham Percy, and others. This summer's productions are Our Town (opens July 2) and Jerome, The Historical Spectacle (Aug. 2.) Visit *twoplanks.ca*.

» **OUTDOOR** Alderney Landing in Dartmouth will be celebrating Canada Day with an outdoor show by area artists. Called Boardwalk Artist, the sixth annual event will see talented Nova Scotians showing their paintings and other creations. Interested artists can contact *shannon@alderneylanding.com*.

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Billy Zane, left, has joined Teri Polo in the cast of ABC's upcoming drama pilot Finnegan, which focuses on the organized crime/vice unit in Los Angeles. EW.COM

New season kicks off with a bang

Talent shines on Canadian Idol



ON TV

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Here we go again with the sixth season of Canadian Idol.

With the promise from insiders that this is going to be the best group of talent yet, the premiere last night did have a few diamonds to offer.

The episode last night began with the audition tour stop in Toronto. Meet Omar Lunan, a 29-year-old single father from Scarborough whose smooth voice and cool vibe made the judges fall in love with him. So he's got a gold ticket to the next round of the singing competition in Toronto.

Next was Tetiana Ostapowych, 25, who left Los Angeles to try out for Idol. With a gold ticket in her hand, her return to Canada paid off — for now.

The super hyper energizer bunny was 29-year-old Gary Sneddon, who couldn't hold a note or stand still. He got the boot.

But strange isn't always that bad — at least not for Peterborough's Taylor Abrahmse, 16, who after an odd take on Queen's Tie Your Mother Down, was also moving on in the competition.

Then there were the Pigott brothers, Oliver, 27, and Sebastian, 25. The older of the two was living in the United Kingdom, but like many others, Idol is bringing him back.

Oliver has charisma. And if that isn't enough his sweet, melodic voice and velvet tone are remarkable. Sebastian has a deep, sultry raspy voice and a cool but wacky personality that pulls you in for more. And they're both sticking around.

Next stop was Calgary, where viewers were treated to more memorable performances like Jesse Cottam, 23, whose stellar voice led him to a gold ticket.

A unique voice did the same for Earl Stevenson, 23, from Lloydminster, Alta., and for Theo Tams, 22, from Lethbridge, whose sweaty armpit stains and wicked performance of Howie Day's Collide impressed the judges enough to give him a gold ticket.

Catch Canadian Idol again Monday on CTV at 9 p.m.



CTV PHOTO

Canadian Idol judges, left to right, Sass Jordan, Farley Flex, Zack Werner and Jake Gold.

idiot box

» To read Rick McGinnis' Idiot Box column, visit *metronews.ca*.

courts

Uma's stalker to get psych care



Thurman

RELEASED A man convicted of stalking actress Uma Thurman and harassing her family for two years was ordered released from jail Monday and will be required to submit to psychiatric care as a condition of his probation. REUTERS

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» **TRIAL** The prosecution has rested its case in R&B star R Kelly's child pornography trial, BBC News Online reports, after graphic testimony from its key witness.

» **FINE** A French court has fined former film star Brigitte Bardot 15,000 euros for inciting racial hatred, BBC News Online reports.

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critics'corner

Supernatural

Who's your daddy, kid? Could it be ... Dean? In "The Kids Are Alright," Sam and Dean (Jared Padalecki, Jensen Ackles) visit an old girlfriend of Dean's, Lisa (guest star Cindy Sampson). She's a mom now, and her 8-year-old son (guest star Nicholas Elias) looks suspiciously like Dean. Duty calls when the boy vanishes, and the brothers discover that a demonic parasite is stealing the local children. 11 PM on SPACE



X-Weighted

The contestants of this weight-loss series are up to the challenges set by trainer Paul Plakas, self-esteem expert Fred Connors and nutritionist Crystal Andrus. In this new episode, the focus is on musician Kristen. Being in the public eye as a performer, she wants to look her best. But it's hard when your partner can eat pretty much anything without gaining an ounce. 9 PM on SLICE

Sport Science

What's behind a good athlete? Is it muscle mass? An excellent exercise regime? This new series takes a look at the mechanics of being a great athlete. Experiments are conducted in an abandoned airplane hangar, where a lab has been outfitted with sensors, sports equipment, motion-capture cameras and crash-test mannequins. 10 PM on DISC

Men in Trees

This new episode is called "Surprise, Surprise," and that's an understatement. Marin (Anne Heche) gets her surprise on a trip to Anchorage, where she sees Julia's (Kelli Williams) husband (Josh Stamberg) with another woman and wonders whether to tell Jack (James Tupper). Back in Elmo, Patrick (Derek Richardson) is in for a bunch of surprises; a lot changed while he was away. Sam (Ty Olsson) becomes a hero in New York. 11 PM on ABC

celebritybuzz

Diaz out with Aniston's ex

Cameron Diaz was seen having dinner with model Paul Sculfor who briefly dated Jennifer Aniston last year, People.com reports.

"They looked really flirty," says a source of the pair's dinner at Santa Monica's Il Ristorante di Giorgio Baldi. "She was laughing really loud at all of his jokes. It looked like a date."

After two hours, Diaz, 36, and Sculfor, 37, left the restaurant together. Though Sculfor attempted to open her door, his chivalrous move was foiled when they were approached by a waiting photographer.

"Paul tried but Cameron was rushing him to leave since she didn't want to be photographed together," says the source.

Only a couple nights before, Diaz was spotted dirty dancing with pal Sean Diddy Combs at a party celebrating Prince's new book 21 Nights. A few hours and a couple of Grey Goose cocktails later, the pair was seen with their arms locked around one another during Prince's rendition of the Doobie Brother's Long Train Running. They left the party together shortly before 3 a.m.

Diaz is comfortable with keeping her options open. "People think if you're single, you are incomplete," she said in the June issue of InStyle. "No. The thing is, I don't want to be in a relationship that makes me incomplete." Metro News Services


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Gyllenhaal tops Hot100 gay icons poll

Jake Gyllenhaal has topped a poll of the Hot 100 gay icons, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The 27-year-old actor – who famously starred in a homosexual love scene with Heath Ledger in Brokeback Mountain – came first in the survey of 100,000 people on gay website AfterElton.com, for the second consecutive year. Gyllenhaal beat Torchwood star John Barrowman and Brothers And Sister's actor Luke McFarlane to the top spot. On AfterEllen.com – the lesbian counterpart to AfterElton.com – 30 Rock comedienne Tina Fey came top of the Hot 100 gay women list. Fey beat talk show host Ellen DeGeneres, her girlfriend Portia de Rossi and Terminator 3: Rise Of The Machines star Kristanna Loken to first place. Metro News Services


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Lohan's dad lashes out at ex-wife


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Lindsay Lohan's father Michael has lashed out at his ex-wife Dina in his latest magazine column, blaming her for spreading "lies" about their actress daughter's recent visit to hospital, imdb.com reports. In the second installment of his weekly column for U.S. magazine Ok!, Michael voices concern over his ex's parenting abilities on her reality show Living Lohan, claiming she lied to cover up the Mean Girls star's recent hospitalization after an asthma attack. He writes: "What continues to frustrate me is the deception and hypocrisy ... If Dina is soooo worried about false tabloid reports, why is it that her own camp lied about Lindsay being in the hospital to visit a friend, when truthfully, she had an asthma attack? Is it so bad to say that Lindsay did have an asthma attack? Why not just be honest and not lie?"

The rant comes amid the re-opening of the pair's divorce proceedings. Michael has taken Dina to court amid claims she won't allow him to visit with their younger children Cody, 11, and Aliana, 14. **Metro News Services**

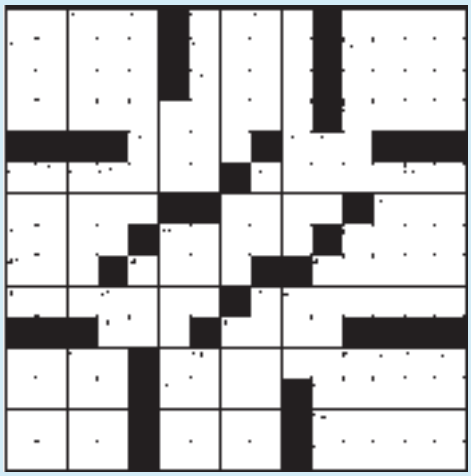
Aguilera finds motherhood sexy


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Christina Aguilera wants more children, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The Dirrty singer – who has a four-month-old son Max with husband Jordan Bratman – is "absolutely" planning to extend her family in the future because motherhood makes her feel "sexy". When asked if she wants more babies, Aguilera replied: "Oh, eventually, yes! Yes, absolutely. Absolutely! Motherhood comes very naturally to me. I think a whole new confidence comes with being a mother. I feel very confident and very sexy as a mother."

The 27-year-old singer recently revealed her breasts swelled to an E-cup when she was expecting Max. Metro News Services





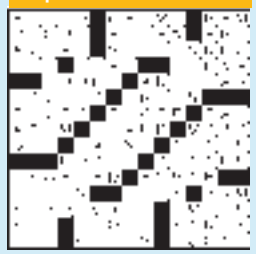
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A complex choice will be presented. A friend's habit causes trouble. Give your heartfelt best wishes and head for the door.

TAURUS | April 21-May 21
A change comes in career progress. You must attend to a tyrant. Being self-disciplined will ease your burdens.

GEMINI | May 22-June 21
Let someone else take the lead. No good deed will go unrewarded. A friend loses out after an unexpected meltdown.

CANCER | June 22-July 22
You're tired of giving advice about something you know. Don't be snobbish about a lover. Life choices can be spoiled by selfish actions.

LEO | July 23-Aug. 23
Someone gets caught making noise. Be patient until a great job is offered. Be reasonable when challenged by human nature.

VIRGO | Aug. 24-Sept. 22
Don't tease a drama queen. Be calm when frightened by a transition. Watch a loved one's dream come true.

LIBRA | Sep. 23-Oct. 23
A loser will unexpectedly help out. A ridiculous person will interrupt a daydream. Stay alert around a happy woman.

SCORPIO | Oct. 24- Nov. 22
Don't ask an elder to do a tedious chore. Be generous to an amusing bore. Ignore the boss at your peril.

SAGITTARIUS | Nov. 23- Dec. 21
Justice for all is imminent. Someone will be wearing yesterday's clothes. A girlfriend has severe money problems.

CAPRICORN | Dec. 22-Jan. 20
Plan a better strategy to make your effort succeed. A lady in disguise comes to the door. An outsider slides into a rendezvous.

AQUARIUS | Jan. 21-Feb. 18
Don't make a decision based on differing opinions. Being careful will help strengthen an arrangement. Don't play games.

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Previous Answer

			2				4	5
	6		7				8	
		3			6	1		
9				5	7			
	1	6				9	7	
			1	8				4
		9	8			7		
	2				4		1	
6	8				3			

instructions »

The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row, and each column, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across the puzzle, or column down the puzzle.

solve time »

Under 13 minutes	Genius
13-17 minutes	Scholar
17-21	Smart
21-25	Pretty good
More than 25	Keep practising

previous answer

8	9	6	5	1	7	2	4	3
2	4	3	8	6	9	7	1	5
1	7	5	4	3	2	6	8	9
5	6	1	7	2	4	9	3	8
4	3	2	9	8	1	5	7	6
9	8	7	6	5	3	1	2	4
3	1	9	2	4	6	8	5	7
7	5	4	1	9	8	3	6	2
6	2	8	3	7	5	4	9	1

This Day IN HISTORY

June 4, 1917: The first Pulitzer Prizes are awarded: Laura E. Richards, Maude H. Elliott, and Florence Hall receive the first Pulitzer for a biography (for Julia Ward Howe). Jean Jules Jusserand receives the first Pulitzer for history for his work With Americans of Past and Present Days. Herbert B. Swope receives the first Pulitzer for journalism for his work for the New York World.
June 4, 1973: Patent for the ATM granted to Don Wetzel, Tom Barnes and George Chastain.
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Partly sunny. 19°	Showers. 40% 8°	Variable. 17°/8°	Showers. 40% 16°/10°	Partly cloudy. 24°/13°

Temperature
Normals
High: 16.5°
Low: 7.8°

Records
High: 27.8°/1963
Low: 2.2°/1944

Sunrise: 5:30 a.m.
Sunset: 8:54 p.m.
Moonrise: 5:42 a.m.
Moonset: 10:32 p.m.

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745 Sackville Dr

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8961 Commercial St

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Sobeys, 622 Reeves St
Shediac Plaza

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